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John D. WINTER *et al.*

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For: **Method for Withdrawing and  
Dewatering Slag from a  
Gasification System**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action in the above-referenced application be extended **two** months from June 29, 2002 to **August 29, 2002**, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) is enclosed in the amount of **\$400.00**. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying *Check # 374892*. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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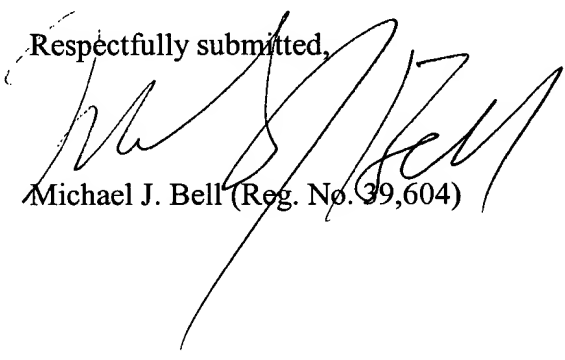
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing the above-docket number. *A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
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